

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): ~~A method of using In a wireless communication system including a radio network controller (RNC) for, a core network (CN) and at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), a method of controlling the data bit rate of a radio link (RL) established between the RNC and the WTRU to maintain the quality of the RL, the method comprising:~~

(a) ~~the RNC establishing a guaranteed data bit rate, a maximum data bit rate and a current data bit rate associated with the RL;~~

(b) ~~the RNC sensing an event indicating a quality deficiency of the RL;~~

(c) ~~the RNC determining the identity of a specific coded composite transport channel (CCTrCH) associated with the RL;~~

(d) ~~the RNC determining a target data bit rate needed to correct the RL quality deficiency;~~

(e) if the target data bit rate is less than the guaranteed data bit rate, ~~the RNC renegotiating a new guaranteed data bit rate with a core network (CN) the CN; and~~

(f) if the target data bit rate is greater than or equal to the guaranteed data bit rate, ~~the RNC reducing the current data bit rate to the target data bit rate by removing at least one transport format combination (TFC) from a transport format combination set (TFCS) associated with the specific CCTrCH.~~

2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising:

(g) initiating a waiting period; and

(h) if ~~the RNC fails to renegotiate the new guaranteed data bit rate is not renegotiated~~ before the waiting period expires, ~~the RNC~~ initiating a handover procedure for the RL.

3. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the event is the receipt of at least one measurement indicating that the transmission power of a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) of the WTRU is at a maximum level.

4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the event is the receipt of at least one measurement indicating a block error rate (BLER) associated with ~~the WTRU~~ a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) is too high for a predetermined period of time.

**Claim 5 (canceled)**

6. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the RL is an uplink.

7. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the RL is a downlink.

**Claims 8-14 (canceled)**

15. (currently amended): A method of using In a wireless communication system including a radio network controller (RNC) ~~for, a core network (CN) and at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), a method of controlling the current data bit rate of a radio link (RL) established between the RNC and the WTRU to recover from implementing a corrective action to maintain~~

the quality of the RL by reducing the current data bit rate from a maximum data bit rate to a reduced data bit rate, the method comprising:

- (a) ~~the RNC~~ determining that an event which indicates that the quality of the RL has substantially deteriorated does not occur during a predetermined time period;
- (b) ~~the RNC~~ determining the identity of a specific coded composite transport channel (CCTrCH), associated with the RL, to be reconfigured;
- (c) if the current data bit rate is not equal to the maximum data bit rate, ~~the RNC~~ increasing the current data bit rate to a target data bit rate by adding at least one transport format combinations (TFC) to a transport format combination set (TFCS) associated with the specific CCTrCH; and
- (d) if the target data bit rate is greater than the maximum data bit rate, ~~the RNC~~ renegotiating a new maximum data bit rate with a core network (CN) ~~the CN~~.

Claim 16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein the event is the receipt of at least one measurement indicating the transmission power of a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) ~~of the WTRU~~ is at a maximum level.

18. (currently amended): The method of claim 15 wherein the event is the receipt of at least one measurement indicating a block error rate (BLER) associated with ~~the WTRU~~ a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) is too high for a predetermined period of time.

19. (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the RL is an uplink.

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20. (original): The method of claim 15 wherein the RL is a downlink.

Claims 21-28 (canceled)